

not to change, but only through this perspective of over the years watching the institutions of higher learning in this state operate, the fact of the matter is we do have a good state college system. We've got an excellent state college system with a number of various campuses that don't have an awful lot of problems. As a matter of fact, I would suggest to you that there has been less problems in the state college systems within campuses than there has been at the university level and yet the Board of Trustees are an appointed position, always have been and I think they represent the interest of the state very well. And I have not heard any of my constituents complain because they can't vote for the trustees of the state colleges. I've not heard anybody in my area say that Kearney, Kearney State or Chadron State, that there are some problems there, that they want to be able to vote for the Board of Trustees so that they can alleviate or change some of those problems. They might say that there is some problems there, but those problems have more to do with budgetary things that we've done at this level, people that they can vote for I would suggest, so it seems to me to use the argument that the people need to have control is not a very valid argument. The people have control over the Governor of this state. They have control over us. We're the ones that the Governor makes the appointments and we approve them. It seems to me that that has worked very well. Under the current mechanism of the Board of Regents...

SENATOR BARRETT: Time is up, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Five minutes already?

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes. Sorry I didn't alert you for the last minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Acting Speaker and members of the body, I recognize how difficult it is when you're new to the Chair in watching the time carefully of people like Senator Tom Vickers. I am sure that you will watch my time extremely carefully, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of LR 32. Before I came up this morning I was visiting with Charlie Bacon from the Nebraska Tax Research Council. We